

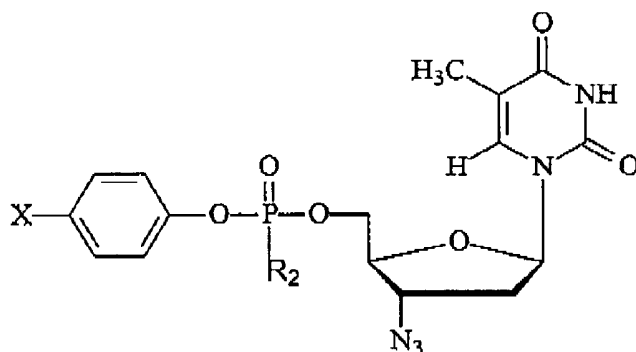
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-20. Cancelled

21. (New) A compound of the formula:



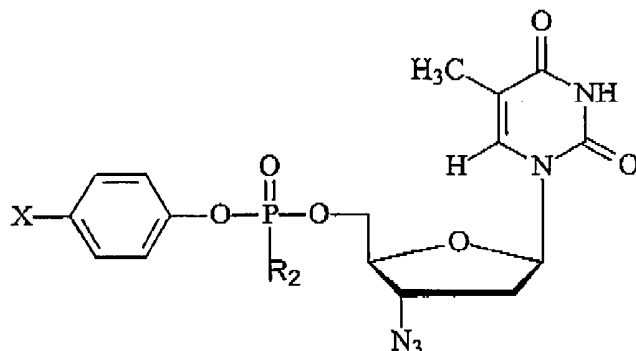
wherein X is an electron withdrawing group, with the proviso that X is not NO₂ or F; and R₂ is an amino acid residue;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

22. (New) The compound of claim 21, wherein X is selected from Br, Cl, and I.

23. (New) The compound of claim 21, wherein R₂ is -NHCH(CH₃)COOCH₃.

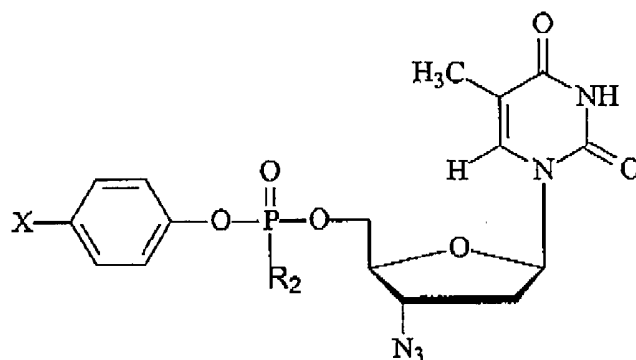
24. (New) The compound of claim 23, wherein X is selected from Br, Cl, and I.

25. (New) A method for inhibiting virus replication in a cell infected with virus, the method comprising administering to the infected cell a virus replication inhibiting amount of a compound of the formula:



wherein X is an electron withdrawing group, with the proviso that X is not NO₂ or F; and R₂ is an amino acid residue;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein X is selected from Br, Cl, and I.
27. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein R₂ is -NHCH(CH₃)COOCH₃.
28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein X is selected from Br, Cl, and I.
29. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the virus is HIV.
30. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the virus is HIV.
31. (New) A composition useful for inhibiting virus replication in a cell infected with virus, the composition comprising an amount effective for inhibiting virus replication in the infected cell of a compound of the formula:



wherein X is an electron withdrawing group, with the proviso that X is not NO₂ or F; and R₂ is an amino acid residue;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, adjuvant or diluent.

32. (New) The composition of claim 31, wherein X is selected from Br, Cl, and I.
33. (New) The composition of claim 31, wherein R₂ is -NHCH(CH₃)COOCH₃.
34. (New) The composition of claim 33, wherein X is selected from Br, Cl, and I.
35. (New) The composition of claim 31, wherein the virus is HIV.
36. (New) The composition of claim 33, wherein the virus is HIV.